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Police Commissioner William Bratton and Mayor Bill de Blasio joined forces to celebrate the drop in crime over 2014 at 1 Police Plaza on Monday. / MILES DIXON, METRO

Bratton, Bill de Blasio wrestle to control NYPD

NYPD blues. Despite the department's success over 2014, rank and file put City Hall on the defensive.

Mayor Bill de Blasio and NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton moved Monday to regain control of a police department on the verge of open revolt, after officers defied a request from Bratton and turned their backs on the mayor at a police funeral for the second time Sunday.

Bratton and de Blasio stood at police headquarters to announce historic lows in overall crime throughout the city — a 4.6 percent drop since de Blasio took over City Hall last January.

"It was possible all along to create a safer city and a fairer city," de Blasio said.

De Blasio said all major crimes fell, as the city experienced its lowest murder, robbery and burglary numbers in the past 10 years.

The mayor celebrated the drop as a vindication of his administration, even as police unions say he's sown public distrust in the police force by supporting police reform activists, and cops have drastically reduced the number of arrests.

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"It was possible all along to create a safer city and a fairer city."
Mayor de Blasio

Both men admonished the hundreds of officers who turned their backs on the mayor at the funeral of Det. Wenjian Liu.

"It just defies a lot of what we all feel is the right and decent thing to do when you're dealing with a family in pain," de Blasio said Monday.

The PBA earlier criticized de Blasio's willingness to meet with protesters in December, weeks before the mayor agreed to meet with leaders from the city's five police unions — including PBA President Patrick Lynch — on Dec. 30.

"At a time when I think people felt a tremendous amount of respect for the NYPD, some individual officers showed disrespect to the families and people of this city," de Blasio said.

Days before the funeral for Liu, Bratton asked officers not to turn their backs on the mayor as they did at the funeral of Liu's partner Rafael Ramos.

Liu and Ramos were murdered by lone gunman Ismaaiyl Brinsley on Dec. 20 in broad daylight while the two were in their patrol car in Brooklyn.

While fewer officers participated in the back turning on Sunday, many did so. Bratton said their actions were an embarrassment.

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A well-prepared New Yorker
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Deep freeze. Cold snap to wrap New York City

Freezing temperatures and high winds are expected to carry New York City through the end of the week.

Tim Morrin, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, said light snow will develop around daybreak on Tuesday, with accumulations of less than an inch. The coating, coupled with below-freezing temperatures, will lead to slippery conditions on the roads.

The Department of Sanitation has issued a snow alert starting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, which means city employees and equipment are ready to salt and plow streets. As of Monday, alternate side parking rules were expected to be in effect on Tuesday.

Tuesday's high is forecasted at 28 degrees. The snow will taper off in the evening, with an overnight temperature of about 22 degrees and wind chills in the teens.

Wednesday will be partly sunny, cold and blustery, with an expected high of 26 degrees and winds up to 28 mph. Wednesday night brings "dangerous" wind chills, Morrin said, with temperatures in the single digits that feel more like 10 below zero.

Thursday will be the coldest day of the workweek, with a forecasted high of 19 degrees and significantly lower wind chills.

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Mourning a New York icon

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Paying their respects

"Cuomo represents the immigrants' dreams in the United States. He always was there for the working and immigrant class, HIV patients and to support education."

Ydanis Rodriguez, 49, City Councilman, Washington Heights

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"He was such a fine man, full of kindness and passion. He would have been a great president, but not the way politics is run today."

Linda Loffredo, 71, The Bronx

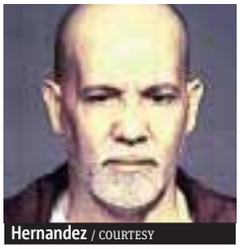
Etan Patz. Jury selection begins in trial of alleged child abductor

Jury selection began Monday in the trial of Pedro Hernandez, 53, accused of kidnapping and killing 6-year-old Etan Patz decades ago in a notorious case that ignited a national movement and new legislation to find missing children.

The former deli worker confessed to the crime in 2012, but his defense attorney has said the confession was coerced and that Hernandez was mentally ill.

Judge Maxwell Wiley said about 100 potential jurors were summoned to appear on the first day in court. Jury selection is expected to take several weeks.

Patz vanished while walking alone to a school bus stop for the first time in the Soho neighborhood of Manhattan on May 25, 1979.



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His disappearance prompted President Ronald Reagan to sign into law the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and Patz was one of the first missing children whose picture appeared on a milk carton. Patz's body was never found but he was declared legally dead in 2001.

Hernandez, in a videotaped confession to police, said he lured Patz to the basement of the deli where he worked near the child's home, strangled him, placed the child's body in a garbage bag and a box, and dumped him in an alley.

Hernandez has since recanted, and his defense attorney has argued he has a history of mental illness, including hallucinations.

The defense fought to have the confession ruled inadmissible in the trial, arguing Hernandez did not understand his rights, but the judge ruled in November that the confession was legally obtained.

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Grand jury

Judge to rule on whether Garner jury records can be released

A New York judge will hear arguments later this month whether to publicly release the records of a grand jury hearing in the case of Eric Garner.

After an unusually lengthy session lasting nine weeks, the grand jury voted in December not to indict the police officer, Daniel Pantaleo, for his role in Garner's death by asphyxiation on a Staten Island sidewalk last summer.

At a brief hearing on Monday, Judge William Garnett said he would hear arguments from lawyers from both sides on Jan. 29.

"At least we'll have some transparency," Gwen Carr, Garner's mother, said after attending the hearing. The groups asking for the records to be made public say they expect a tough legal battle. **REUTERS**

Murder. Cops: Hedge fund manager's son killed him over funds

Tommy Gilbert / FACEBOOK

Cops arrested the 30-year-old son of the hedge fund manager who was found shot dead in his Midtown East apartment on Sunday.

Detectives said they found substantial evidence tying Thomas "Tommy" Gilbert Jr. to the murder. He was taken into custody late Sunday night after cops said he barricaded himself in his Chelsea apartment.

Chief of Detectives Robert Boyce said investigators determined Gilbert Jr. shot his father and tried to make it look like a suicide.

Authorities found two magazines of .40 caliber clips, loose rounds and a box for the Glock handgun in Gilbert Jr.'s apartment.

Boyce was unable to say what led up to the murder, but it was widely reported on Monday that the elder Gilbert had threatened to cut his son off financially. **CHESTER J. SORIA**

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Service reduction

PATH may cut overnight trains

The Port Authority could cancel late-night PATH service as a way to save money unless it comes up with another revenue source.

Trains would stop from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m., potentially saving $10 million, while leaving 390,000 customers without a ride.

"Curtailment of PATH service would be a last resort," Port Authority Chairman John Degnan said in a statement Monday. "This is only one of several ideas being considered to get the PATH deficit under control."

The idea was floated by a special panel convened by Govs. Andrew Cuomo and Chris Christie in a December report. The rail service is expected to lose $500 million a year by 2018, according to a report by the New York City-based Citizens Budget Commission.

"Let's face it, this is a terrible idea," Mayor Dawn Zimmer of Hoboken, which is linked to Manhattan by the PATH, said on Monday.

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First day of bombing trial jury selection

Courtroom sketch of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev / SKETCH BY JANE FLAVELL COLLINS

Boston. The media descended on the alleged Boston Marathon bomber's jury selection.

Boston took the first small step on its journey to justice Monday when a federal judge lectured hundreds of potential jurors for the Boston Marathon bombing trial about their civic duty to weigh fairly the fate of the man accused of carrying out the deadly attack.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the accused Boston Marathon bomber, arrived at the jury hall in Boston's Moakley Federal Courthouse around 9:10 a.m. for the first day of jury selection. Some 500 people filled out questionnaires after U.S. District Judge George O'Toole instructed them about the obligations of sitting on a high-profile jury.

O'Toole told potential jurors that the burden is on the government to prove the defendant's guilt, and that Tsarnaev is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

"Don't think of the service of being a juror as an annoying burden," O'Toole said, adding that many jurors who have wrapped up their duty have told him they found the experience "interesting" and "memorable."

Tsarnaev sat in the midst of his defense team. His curly hair was long and loose. He had grown a scruffy beard, and was dressed in a thick, dark gray sweater and khaki pants. He sat with his hands folded, listening. He occasionally adjusted his collar, and in one instance, stood to face jurors as O'Toole introduced him.

The April 2013 attack killed three spectators, maimed or injured dozens of spectators and runners and left Boston traumatized for days as police locked down the entire city in their hunt for the bombers.

Tsarnaev, now 21, is facing 30 charges in connection with the attack, which prosecutors allege he planned and carried out with his brother Tamerlan, who was killed following a shootout with police. If convicted he could be executed.

O'Toole has summoned a total of 3,000 potential jurors to federal court; as many as 1,200 are expected to fill out questionnaires this week. It may take up to three weeks before a jury is seated, O'Toole said, with opening statements slated for later this month.

MORGAN ROUSSEAU, METRO

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"We need your help and we need your honest performance of this important duty of citizenship." O'Toole, speaking to jurors

Police shooting case. Grand juror in Missouri sues the prosecutor

A member of the grand jury that declined to indict the white Missouri police officer who fatally shot an unarmed black 18-year-old sued the prosecutor in the case on Monday, criticizing the way evidence was presented to grand jurors and seeking court permission to speak publicly about the way the case was handled.

The lawsuit was filed in federal court in St. Louis against St. Louis County prosecutor Robert McCulloch by the grand juror, whose name was withheld and was referred to as "Grand Juror Doe."

The suit argues that state laws prohibiting the grand juror from talking about the case are unconstitutional. Jeffrey Mittman, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Missouri, said the Brown case is an important public policy issue and the grand juror should be allowed to speak about the proceedings.

After the Nov. 24 announcement by McCulloch that the grand jury decided not to indict Officer Darren Wilson, and the release by McCulloch of evidence presented, some critics accused the prosecutor of unfairly skewing the process in favor of the police officer. A spokesman said McCulloch had no comment on the lawsuit.

St. Louis County prosecutor Robert McCulloch / GETTY IMAGES

Grand jury

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The grand jury was composed of 12 people: six white males, three white females, two black females and one black male.

The lawsuit claims that evidence was presented to the grand jury in a manner markedly different than in previous cases heard by the same grand jury, with the "insinuation" that Brown was the "wrongdoer" rather than Wilson.

It also claims the prosecutor's office presented applicable laws to grand jurors "in a muddled and untimely manner" unlike presentations in other cases.

The grand juror also contends that McCulloch's public statements about the decision not to indict were not "entirely accurate," including the "implication that all grand jurors believed that there was no support for any charges," the lawsuit stated. REUTERS

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3 Ways to begin 2015 with a vacation

Even if you can't break away from work for long, or can't afford to, here are three ways to take a break this year.

Big budget: Exotic Travel

This week I'm vacationing in Bali for the second time. It's an incredible place to refresh your mind and body, with beautiful temples, warm tropical weather, perfect beaches, amazingly kind locals and interesting food, not to mention a very strong U.S. dollar. All that makes Bali a great vacation choice. The same can be said about Thailand, Bora Bora, the Turks and Caicos Islands, the Bahamas and the British Virgin Islands.

Mid-sized budget: Book a spa day

For those who can't afford the money or time that it takes to travel to a distant location, go to your local spa for a few hours and truly unwind. This is a much more economic option, and it's even better if you go with a friend or loved one. Do research to find the highest-rated spas in your area and call them ahead of time to see if they have any specials; they usually do.

Since you're not spending any vacation money on airfare and a hotel, you don't have to feel guilty about splurging for the nicest spa in your area, unless you're really strapped for cash. Of course it's not worth breaking the bank for, but never underestimate the way a good massage every now and then can really improve your well-being.

Small budget: Visit famous landmarks

Treat yourself to some culture and celebrate some of humanity's great achievements and architectural wonders. In the past six years since I've been teaching people how to profit from the stock market, I've found that performance is significantly improved when my students think about specific goals and visual representations of those goals.

To help visualize your goals, post pictures in your home and office of great landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, Statue of Liberty or the Liberty Bell and then reward yourself by actually visiting them. It can do wonders for your mindset and overall success and achievements in life.

My new "How to Make Millions" educational DVD study guide was finally released, with all of the proceeds going to charity. We've raised $170,000 in just a few weeks!

ESPN great Stuart Scott has died; he was one of my favorite sportscasters. We need to devote more money to cancer research!

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1 Jennifer Aniston humoring Brad Pitt questions for Awards Season

How do we know Jennifer Aniston is taking her bid for Awards Season glory seriously? She's entertaining questions about ex-husband Brad Pitt. Aniston is currently on the campaign trail for her Golden Globe-nominated performance in the indie drama "Cake," and the rules of Hollywood state that you've got to play ball if you want a serious shot at some trophies. So Aniston sat down with "CBS Sunday Morning" reporter Lee Cowan, who used the age-old trick of asking about how annoying it is when people ask about something as a ploy to ask about that thing without looking like you're actually asking about it. Sneaky, that one.

"The fact that it still follows you around — I mean, I'm divorced. It's got to be painful. I mean, I don't like when people bring it up. But people still do, right?" Cowan asked. And by "people," he means himself, who just brought it up. But Aniston is a pro: "I don't find it painful, though. I think it's a narrative that follows you because it's an interesting headline. It's more of a media-driven topic," Aniston responded. And speaking of media-driven, Cowan — who clearly can't take a hint — followed that up with, "You guys still talk? You friends?" And kudos to Aniston for not rolling her eyes or just straight up punching him before replying. We'll see if the gambit pays off.

2 Prince Jackson running with a Bieber crowd

It might be time to start worrying about Michael Jackson's eldest, Prince Jackson, who becomes a legal adult next month. And if Page Six is to be believed, he's already living a pretty adult life — including clubbing, juggling girlfriends and being generally bratty — thanks to a friendship with noted role models Justin Bieber and Floyd Mayweather, who "has been offering a lot of advice to Prince, including about women," a source says. Mayweather is also supposedly behind recording sessions for a planned "major recording album" by Bieber and Jackson. That's right, a major recording album.

Anyway, if you really want to start using rage instead of coffee for a pick-me-up, enjoy these details on the spending habits of 17-year-old Jackson, who receives a $66,000 monthly allowance. "He's looking at high-end cars like a Mercedes Maybach, a Rolls-Royce and Range Rovers, and he's buying expensive jewelry," the source says. Ah, youth.

3 Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis not married, just trolling

New parents Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis got tabloid rumor mongers worked up into a frenzy on New Year's Eve with a photo message on Kutcher's Facebook page with warm wishes from "the Kutchers," sparking speculation that they'd already secretly tied the knot. But don't worry, you didn't miss anything. Sources tell Radar Online that they "have not gotten married yet" and the big day won't be happening until the summer.

4 David Beckham not as well-dressed as his 12-year-old son

This must be pretty embarrassing. David Beckham landed on GQ's "50 best dressed men in Britain 2015" list, as expected — but he didn't rank nearly as high as 12-year-old son Romeo Beckham. David slipped in at No. 46, just behind Tom Hardy, and I'll wait a minute while your brain has fun with that sentence. But Romeo was ranked 25th. Not too shabby for a tween, but then having a couple of Burberry campaigns under your wing doesn't hurt. The top spot went to "Theory of Everything" star Eddie Redmayne, with Benedict Cumberbatch in second place, Jamie Dornan third and Alex Turner fifth.

Daily video

Never challenge Gaston to a push-up contest

Those actors who dress up as famous cartoon characters at Disney World work very, very hard. Case in point? This video by Disney visitor Blake Platt, in which he challenges the park's resident Gaston from "Beauty and the Beast" to a push-up contest. Gaston totally dominates Platt, but on the bright side Platt doesn't have a silly ponytail, so he's got that going for him.

YOUTUBE, BLAKE PLATT

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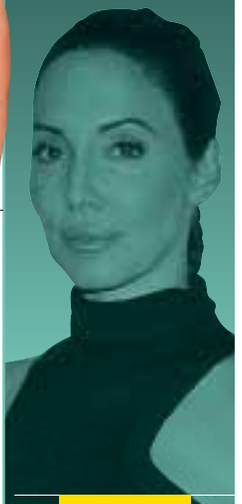
5 Matt Damon predicts Patriots Super Bowl victory

Good news, Patriots fans. Your team is going all the way this year. Because Matt Damon says so. Damon was returning to Los Angeles this weekend when paparazzi stopped him at the airport to get his opinion on the current NFL season. "Patriots are going all the way," he tells a TMZ cameraman. "I think there's a lot of good competition out there, but I'm a big believer in the Patriots." So there you go.

2 CULTURE



Twitter feed

Today, Jaden Smith is back with more wisdom, Carrie Fisher has a recipe for success, Joss Whedon needs a second opinion, Whitney Cummings understands the Internet and Lena Dunham is bummed.

@officialjaden: People Think They Have To Choose.

@carrieffisher: You wanna be a winner? Better wear out your grin and get a whole lot younger and many much thinner.

@josswhedon: Doctor: I'm afraid there's nothing I can do. You're culturally irrelevant. Me: Uh, the foot rash- Dr: totes fine. But srsly yer over

@WhitneyCummings: Pinterest should come with a free cat

@lenadunham: Oh lord oh Jesus Christmas tree disposal season is here:(

Courteney Cox reflects on making it to episode 100

Interview. The "Cougar Town" headliner thinks she has another long-running TV series in her.

"Cougar Town" returns for its final season tonight at 10:30 p.m. on TBS. / DARREN MICHAELS

It took a lot of work — overcoming a clunky title, getting canceled and picked up by another network — but "Cougar Town" has reached the TV milestone of hitting 100 episodes. But celebrations of the occasion were tinged with sadness, as even though "Cougar Town" is reaching episode No. 100, its series finale is episode No. 102.

"It's really sad," Cox says. "This is a great group of people and we love each other, and the show is fun and the writing is great. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity — or twice, in my case." Despite the sadness, Cox knows how lucky it is that the show made it this far, given the current TV landscape. "It's scary, too, because you look at other shows and go, 'Oh, that's a good show! What a great cast,' and then they get canceled after only a few episodes," she says.

But Cox has a plan in mind: another 100-episode show. "I want to do it one more time," Cox says. "I don't have one, but I'm going to find one."

Cox is reflective about the show and the struggles it faced because of its title. "At the beginning, I think the title 'Cougar Town' was a way to kind of get attention. It was shocking. But it turned out that that's not what the show was about — not that it ever was," she says. "We knew what this was going to be, but people were turned off by the title of 'Cougar Town' because they didn't like to see me — Monica, essentially — going out with younger guys."

In the grand tradition of finales, is Cox taking anything home from the set? "Mine would be probably a wine glass," she offers. "I'll take Big Chuck or whichever one I'm on now."

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"THIS IS A GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE AND WE LOVE EACH OTHER, AND THE SHOW IS FUN AND THE WRITING IS GREAT," SAYS COX ABOUT THE CAST AND CREW OF "COUGAR TOWN." / GETTY IMAGES

What's in a name?

That darn title

It began as an attention-grabbing gag: "Cougar Town," a show ostensibly poking fun at the trend of dubbing older women who dated younger men cougars. But the gimmick got old, and fast. Or, as co-star Josh Hopkins puts it: "In the beginning, you have all these pilots coming out, and it was called 'Cougar Town,' and people remembered that. If it was called 'She's Back!' nobody would've remembered. But then later, when we expanded and were something totally different, and the show finds itself and its legs, then it was a detriment in the way that people were like, 'Oh, it's just her out trolling for 21-year-old guys,' and it hasn't been that for 97 episodes."

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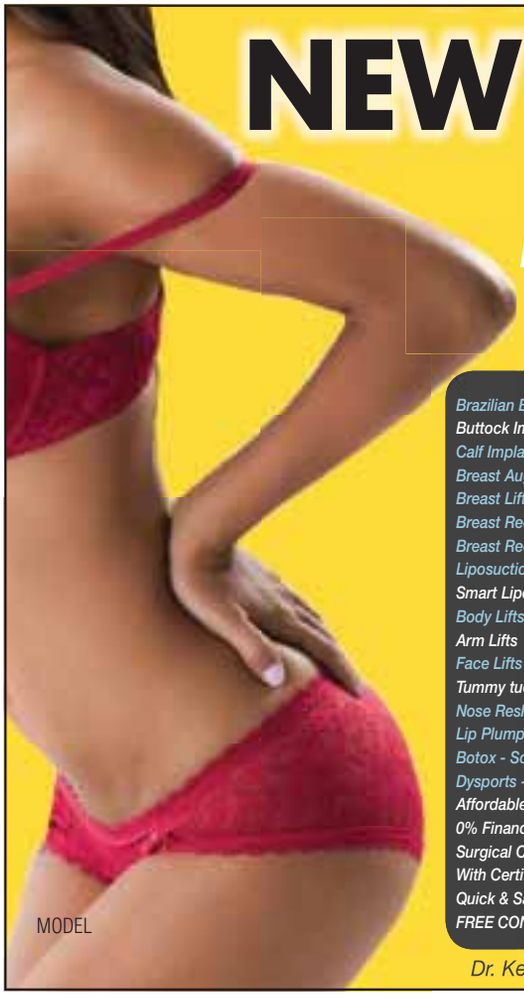
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TV watch list

This job was probably easier when she had Captain America to help. / ABC, KELSEY MCNEAL

DRAMA

'Marvel's Agent Carter'

If you've gotten tired of "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.," maybe you'll like this newest offering better. It follows the pre-S.H.I.E.L.D. adventures of Peggy Carter, who was Cap's main squeeze in the first Captain America movie. **SERIES PREMIERE, 8 P.M., ABC**

REALITY

'MasterChef Junior'

Your favorite pint-sized chef competition returns. Nineteen kids make meals you could never produce, using only the foods they've been given. **SEASON PREMIERE, 8 P.M., FOX**

TALK SHOWS

'Jimmy Kimmel Live!'

Former "Friend" (though probably current friend to many) Matt LeBlanc appears. Maybe Jimmy will find out for us what his favorite episode of the show is. **11:35 P.M., ABC**

COMEDY

'New Girl'

Jess and Schmidt team up to see if they can persuade a councilwoman to stop nighttime construction work outside the apartment. **9 P.M., FOX LISA WEIDENFELD**

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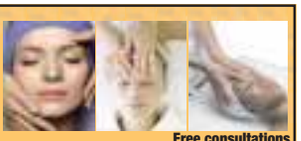

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Patricia Arquette reminisces about 'Boyhood'

Interview. With her big indie hit now on Blu-ray and DVD, the actress talks about not yet letting go of it.

PATRICIA ARQUETTE
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Patricia Arquette says she isn't used to what has happened with "Boyhood." She has her share of cult favorites — "True Romance," "Lost Highway," "Ed Wood" — but they all initially underperformed. "Boyhood," however, was a massive critical and commercial darling right out of the gate. Her turn as a mother, filmed over 12 years, even netted her a Golden Globe nomination.

It must be strange that it's finally over. How much do you miss everyone?
We've been promoting this pretty heavily since July, so I've seen a lot of those guys. I've probably seen them more this year than I saw them any other year. It doesn't completely feel like it's over.

How loose did writer-director Richard Linklater keep the script?
In the first conversation I had with him he laid out most of the major parts of the movie's anatomy. By the second year he had the last shot planned out. He left enough space to see what the world became. There were so many variables about what happened on Earth or where the kids went. What if Ellar became a jock? That would take the film in a slightly different territory. But he had most of it mapped out. He knew there was going to be a girlfriend. But he waited. One year he almost shot that, but then Ellar hadn't had a girlfriend yet. He wanted to wait until he had a girlfriend in real life.

"Boyhood," starring Patricia Arquette and Ellar Coltrane as mother and son and filmed over 12 years, arrives on Blu-ray and DVD today. / IFC FILMS

Your character's final scene, when her son heads for college, is a very gutting realization of her own time passing.
I feel like when you grow a human in your body, especially when it's your last baby, it really is hard to imagine a life where you're not going to be a mom. Of course, it all turns out fine in the end. They call you a week later and say they forgot to pack socks.

If you go

"Boyhood" director Richard Linklater and stars Ellar Coltrane and Ethan Hawke will discuss the film tonight at **7 p.m. at the Times Center, 242 W. 41st Street.**

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Trista Sutter's tips for living 'Happily Ever After'

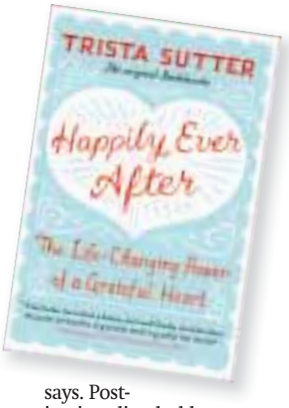
Trista Sutter gives tips on how to live a more gracious life in her book "Happily Ever After." / ALL IMAGES PROVIDED

New year, new outlook. The original "Bachelorette" shares her secrets to finding lasting love and true happiness.

It's been over a decade since Trista Sutter met and fell in love with her now husband, firefighter Ryan Sutter, on the very first season of "The Bachelorette." As one of the few people who found lasting love via reality TV, people constantly ask her what her secret is. In an attempt to share her relationship wisdom, Sutter released the book "Happily Ever After: The Life-Changing Power of a Grateful Heart." We got her to reveal it here, too, plus how she stays so darned happy.

Appreciate the little things

"People think I have a fairy tale life because of how I met my husband, our wedding and things like that. But it's really about the little things," says Sutter. She says that she started keeping a gratitude journal, listing five things she was thankful for each day. "It got me into the mentality of thinking of what I'm grateful for, not just having a husband and having a family, but being able to take a breath or the ability to move, see and hear," she says.



Spread social media goodness

Sutter also started posting her favorite part of the day on her social media channels five years ago, a nightly ritual she's still doing. "I've noticed a lot of other people taking on that [practice], too," Sutter says. Posting it online holds you accountable so you don't slack off and stop doing it; if you do, your followers will notice!

Outwardly express gratitude

Another key to personal happiness, Sutter says, is actively saying thank you to the people around you for things they do that are often taken for granted. Recently, she teamed up with CoffeeMate to surprise night shift workers with coffee, and she says doing something nice for others in turn made her feel good. "They were just so thankful for being recognized. ... [My husband], Ryan, is a night shift worker, so I know all too well what they sacrifice. Being able to sit down with [them], have a conversation and be able to thank them was such a fun gift," she says.

Keep an open mind

For those still looking to find love, Sutter says her best advice is being open. "You can find love in all kinds of different places," she says. "It doesn't have to be at church or on a blind date or at the bar. Keep an open mind and it will happen how it's supposed to."

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Where to go in 2015

Here are five unexpected U.S. destinations that should be on your travel radar this year.

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Skiing

Jackson Hole, Wyoming

The country's top ski resort just got a lot easier to reach, with new direct flights from 13 cities on Delta and United during peak winter season. The birthplace of extreme skiing has a cool Western vibe and funky arts and apres-ski scenes. Jackson's proximity to Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks presents some of the best off-slope activities around.

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The Hudson Valley and the Catskills, New York

Why go: Quaint towns like Hudson, Rhinebeck and Tarrytown have officially metamorphosed into hip enclaves, with charming boutique stores, a blooming arts scene and farm-to-table restaurants that give the big city a run for its money thanks to the Culinary Institute of America.

Insider tip: The Walkway Over the Hudson is the world's longest pedestrian bridge, connecting Highland and Poughkeepsie while offering beautiful views of the Hudson River.

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The Florida Panhandle

Why go: The soft quartz beaches of the Florida Panhandle are among the best in the United States. There's a virtually unimpeded 100-mile stretch of beach from Pensacola to Panama City. Add the chance to explore off-the-beaten-path places like Apalachicola and Florida Caverns State Park, and you have the makings of a memorable vacation.

Insider tip: Every Panhandle beach town has its own personality. Pensacola Beach is low-key and family-friendly. Destin is filled with condos and the busy Sandestin Resort. Grayton Beach is upscale and artsy. Panama City Beach is commercial but bookended by gorgeous natural areas. Inland are interesting towns and the state's capital, Tallahassee.

Cleveland, Ohio

Why go: The fact that super-athlete LeBron James has returned to his hometown to strut his stuff with the Cleveland Cavaliers isn't the only reason to visit the Rock and Roll Capital of the World this year. With culinary kings like Michael Symon and Jonathon Sawyer, an orchestra rated one of the top five in the nation and a major new wing at The Cleveland Museum of Art, the second-largest city in Ohio has shed its industrial past.

Insider tip: There are 10 farms in Cuyahoga Valley National Park that are part of a program called the Countryside Initiative, a collection of farms committed to sustainable agriculture. During tours, they offer visitors a chance to see first-hand the farm-to-table experience.

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Bourbon Country and Louisville, Kentucky

Why go: In the rolling hills outside Louisville, bourbon distilleries give tours through historic warehouses and production facilities, topped with tastings of the state's signature drink. In Louisville, the foodie scene thrives in high-end restaurants like Proof on Main and hipster joints such as the Garage Bar.

Insider tip: Go to KyBourbonTrail.com to plan your visit to nine of the largest distilleries. If you want to travel with a guide, check out Mint Julep Tours & Transportation.

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Expectant couples often use balloons to reveal the gender of their babies at "gender reveal parties." / MOODBOARD

Parenting trends. What's in in 2015

Breastfeeding selfies, Instagramming your kids' over-the-top school lunches and live-tweeting of births were all trends we saw in 2014. So what does this new year bring? Here, we highlight five on-the-rise trends, for better or for worse.

'Pee parties'

New parenting trends are starting for even before babies are conceived, given the rise of a really strange new gathering known as "pee parties." Women who think they might be pregnant throw these parties, where they take a pregnancy test and then reveal the results to everyone. The idea is that taking a pregnancy test is scary, so your guests serve as moral support. What's next, live-tweeting conception?

'Gender reveal' parties

That's not the only parenting party trend that will be taking over your Facebook feed. "Gender reveal parties" — where an expectant couple reveal to all their family and friends if they will be welcoming a boy or a girl — became a thing in 2014, which means it will be infiltrating the masses this year.

Family size spike for the upper class

Living in an urban area and having just one kid can be expensive. That's why having multiple kids has become the new way for city dwellers to flaunt their wealth. While there's obviously that other reason for having kids — you know, loving and wanting them — it's becoming the ultimate way to show others just how much they can afford.

More dads at school drop-off

The number of stay-at-home dads is on the rise, according to a study by the Pew Research Center. Researchers point out that many men were laid off in 2011 and 2012, so they became default stay-at-home dads. But a recent article in The New York Times says that men continue to stay home now because they actually like being with their kids. This is different than the last time the number of stay-at-home dads spiked, in 2008, and most of them were back at work by 2010. This new dad trend is about choice, not happenstance.

'Tiger mom' backlash

"Princeton Tiger Mom" Susan Patton made headlines yet again in 2014 when she released her book, "Smarten Up! Words of Wisdom by the Princeton Mom," which tells women to reject modern feminism so they can land a husband before graduating college.

The backlash to the strict "tiger mom" parenting approach is slowly snowballing into a more nurturing type of parenting, which is earning the moniker "elephant mom." "Elephant moms" focus on creating a warm, loving atmosphere for their children, more concerned with letting kids have fun than making sure they are enrolled in a variety of after-school activities. "Tiger moms" are out, "elephant moms" are in. EL

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♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Don't let fear prevent you from heading in a new direction. If you are realistic and driven, you will accomplish some amazing things.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Your partner, family and friends value your time. Be vocal about your feelings for the people you love. A note or phone call will be a kind and reassuring gesture.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. If you share information, you will discover that a confidante has ulterior motives. Don't disclose details.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Communicate with others and educate yourself. Upgrade your skills and apply for a better position. Keep abreast of current trends and take advantage of a changing job market.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. A heated discussion will cause a rift with someone you are close to. Keep your emotions under control in order to avoid alienation.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Set goals and talk to people who you think can contribute to them, but get promises in writing.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Your personal life will benefit if you spend more time with the people who make you feel good. Consider a short trip or excursion. Change your environment.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Someone in your circle will undermine you if you are too generous. If you believe everything you hear, you will make an impractical move.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. An upsetting confrontation will distract you from making an important decision that will affect your future.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Trust your judgment. What works for a friend or relative may not be the right thing for you. Use the information you gather, but modify your plans.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Exaggeration will backfire. You are better off fairly presenting your case and refraining from making promises that you know you can't keep. EUGENIA LAST

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters to the editor

Make cyclists register

I am appalled at how many of our citizen cyclists think that driving their vehicles on sidewalks is fine. We have reached the point where these bicycles must be registered in the interest of public safety. They should also be required to have proof of financial responsibility for any damage they may cause. The problem of impolite, dangerous cyclists is unlikely to improve since their numbers are likely to greatly increase in the future.
LEWIS WALSH, VIA EMAIL

Cops will have to face mayor

New York City police officers had every right to turn their backs on Mayor Bill de Blasio. But they are going have to meet face-to-face with him in order to solve this very serious communication problem like civilized people can and must do. RICHARD ZIEGENFUSS, VIA EMAIL

Republicans contradict themselves

This is a sincere question, and I'd like a sincere answer: Every single day, Republicans slam Big Government, "communism," workers' unions and the usual suspects. But then, every single day, Republicans tell me the perfect opposite as well: that we must blindly trust Big Government, from Bush's Office of Homeland Security and the NSA/CIA, to our "legal system" of judges and prosecutors and the department of "corrections," and our military and police. But it's common knowledge that OHS, the military and police are all government-run monopolies, right? The GOP says unions make for bad workers, but the police are all union, so which is it?
KALAN SILVER, VIA EMAIL

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14 Enthusiasm
15 Shaman's findings
16 Fire residue
17 Clamor
18 It came from outer space
20 Circulars
21 Slugger's stats
23 Bays
24 Poisonous shrub
26 Base coats
28 Giant white radish
30 Wingless insects
31 Healing succulents
32 Whale's diet
33 A mind of — own
36 French wines
37 "Fargo" filmmaker brothers
38 Aloud
39 "Be my guest!"
40 Corsair's quest
41 Draw forth
42 Tom or Colin
43 Smoothed a board
44 Will not
47 Incarcerates
48 Greek forum
49 — lang syne
50 Drink with scones
53 Glittering
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58 Hebrew letter
59 Packaging cord
60 Poker pair
61 "Addams Family" cousin
62 Fizzy drinks
63 Wet behind the ears

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3 EPA concern
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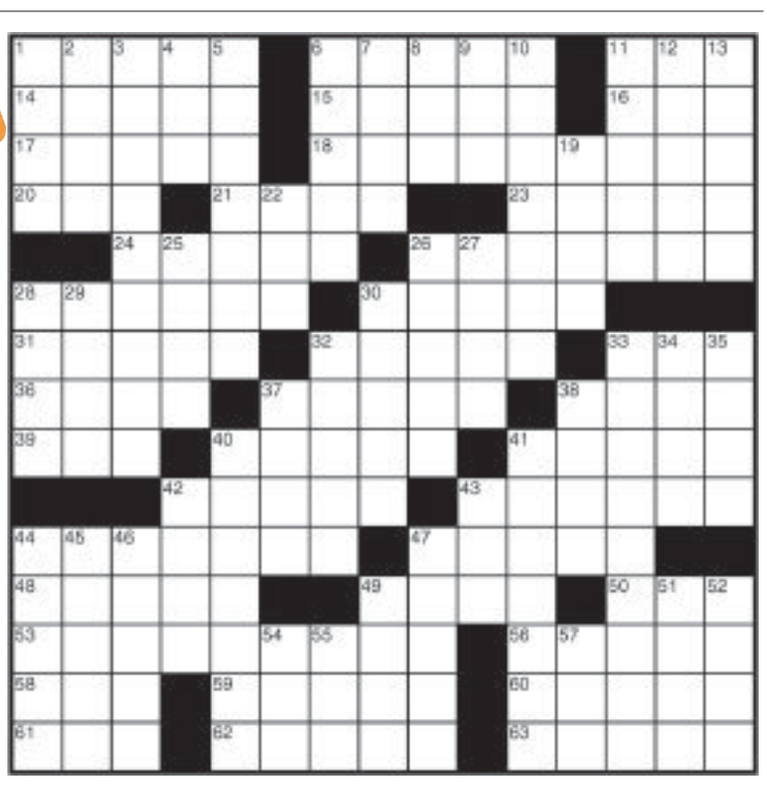

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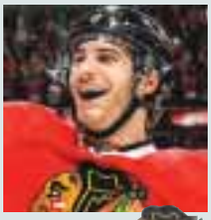

'Hawks (26-11-2)

Do you realize how remarkably consistent the Blackhawks have been? It's not crazy to call them the model franchise in American sports.

No. 2

Ducks (26-9-6)

The Ducks actually have the most points (58) in the league but their goal-differential (plus-5) doesn't compare to Chicago's (plus-39).

No. 3

Predators (25-9-4)

Halfway through the regular season, the Predators are here to stay. Nashville is 6-2-2 in its last 10 and has a soft schedule coming up.

No. 4

Habs (26-11-2)

Montreal is riding an NHL-best six-game win streak and goaltender Carey Price is a Vezina Trophy front-runner.

No. 5

Lightning (25-12-4)

When Steven Stamkos (21 goals, 18 assists) is scoring highlight-reel goals like the one he had in Ottawa, the Lightning are tough to beat.

No. 6

Penguins (24-10-5)

As they typically do, the Penguins made a noteworthy midseason trade by obtaining left wing David Perron (six goals, 14 assists) from Edmonton.

No. 7

Islanders (26-12-1)

Dont laugh. Isles captain John Tavares (17 goals, 19 assists) is on the short list for best pro athlete in New York these days.

No. 8

Blues (23-13-3)

The subject of trade rumors, center T.J. Oshie was named the first star of the week after putting up seven points in just four games.

No. 9

Red Wings (20-10-9)

The Red Wings are a solid club, but it's a stretch to put them in the same grouping as the Canadiens, Lightning and Penguins.

No. 10

Canucks (22-12-3)

This is the start of the third tier of teams that'll be in the playoffs this spring, but won't likely be Cup contenders.

No. 11

Capitals (20-11-7)

The Winter Classic received its lowest TV rating, but that shouldn't take away from what was a great win by the Caps over the Blackhawks.

No. 12

Rangers (21-11-4)

The Rangers are absolutely on fire as they're 9-1-0 in their last 10 games. They've recovered from their Stanley Cup hangover, for sure.

No. 13

Kings (19-12-9)

Speaking of Cup hangovers, the sons of Darryl Sutter must be pacing themselves as they're seventh in the West.

No. 14

Jets (20-12-7)

Evander Kane is back on IR and is expected to be out until February, but the Jets have managed to get this far mostly without his services this season.

NBA

Knicks are just hurting all over

The Knicks are off to a historic start — unfortunately, it's for franchise futility.

The plight of the Knicks (5-31) includes a rookie head coach who is having a difficult time getting his team to buy into his "triangle offense," a starting lineup that's seen 20 different versions, an eclectic rotation that's never set and just an overall lack of talent that would have a hard time fitting any offense, let alone the triangle.

But paramount to it all is a team that lacks able bodies, led by Carmelo Anthony's absence. Fisher noted that while rumors swirl of a complete shutdown of Anthony, nothing is set in stone, and the star forward will be taking it day-to-day.

"There's nothing set for the long term as far as [shutting down] the season," said Fisher. "I still feel strongly that if there's a need to do that, we'll get to a point to make that decision, but we feel as a group that we're nowhere near that type of decision yet."

Anthony isn't the only one to be dealing with maladies, as Andrea Bargnani (calf/ankle), Sam Dalembert (ankle), Tim Hardaway Jr. (concussion), Iman Shumpert (dislocated shoulder), and Amar'e Stoudemire (knee) have all been dealing with physical breakdowns.

"Overall, morale is good. It could be worse," said J.R. Smith.

TONY WILLIAMS

ANDREA BARGNANI IS ONE OF MANY BANGED-UP KNICKS.

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NFL

Rivera's house in flames

Firefighters in Charlotte, North Carolina, battled a fire at the home of Panthers head coach Ron Rivera on Monday morning. Rivera's family escaped the home safely but there was significant damage. The fire was reportedly caused by a fireplace that was on all day while his brothers were "watching football" at his home.

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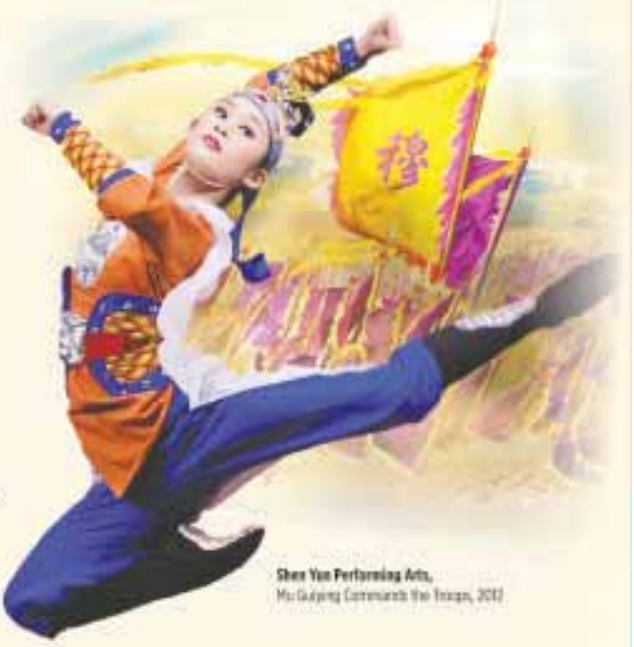

Shen Yun Performing Arts,
Mu Guiying Commands the Troops, 2012

"It was an extraordinary experience... the level of skill, but also the power of the archetypes and the narratives were startling. And of course **it was exquisitely beautiful."**

—Cate Blanchett,
Academy Award-winning actress

"The highest realm in the arts, Shen Yun inspires the performing arts world."

—Chi Cao, principal dancer, Birmingham Royal Ballet

"Mesmerizing! Reclaiming the divinely-inspired cultural heritage of China!"

—Donna Karan, fashion designer

"Unique and inspirational... Absolutely beautiful!"

—Robert Stromberg, director of Maleficent and Oscar-winning production designer for Avatar

"A beautiful show... **fantastic!"**

—Joy Behar, comedienne, former co-host of ABC's The View

"5,000 years of Chinese music and dance, in one night..."
—New York Times

"Vigorous physicality."
—Denver Post

"Beautiful... A nimble mastery."
—Chicago Tribune

"Superb... Every performance was stunning."
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"Incredible... Groundbreaking..."
—MSNBC News

"An explosion of color and sound."
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Sun	Jan. 11	1:30pm SOLD OUT	6:30pm
Wed	Jan. 14	7:30pm	
Thu	Jan. 15	7:30pm	
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Sun	Jan. 18	1:30pm	6:30pm

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